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STUBBORN! THEY WANT TO
SPREAD THEIR CIVIL WAR
TO THE SURROUNDING
COUNTRIES--

POLITICAL
TEMPERATURES
RUN HIGH IN
THIS PART OF
THE WORLD, AND
SOMETIMES,
WHEN FEVERS
BREAK OUT,
THEY'RE
FOLLOWED
BY WAR!

LIKE ANY
CONTAGIOUS
PATIENT, SUCH
DISEASED
COUNTRIES
NEED TO BE
QUARANTINED,
BUT THAT'S A
PRESCRIPTION
THAT CAN BE
HARD TO FILL--

--UNLESS, OF
COURSE, YOU ARE
SUPERMAN!

--AND
THEY'LL KILL
ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO
STOP
THEM!

SOME
PEOPLE
JUST NEVER
LEARN!

"STOP IT, SUPERMAN.." YOU'RE WRECKING THE WORLD!

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FLIGHT
COMMANDER
TO BASE!

THE SUPERMAN
IS MOVING SO QUICKLY,
WE CANNOT KEEP HIM
IN OUR SIGHTS!

AND, COMRADE,
EVEN IF WE
COULD--



--OUR
WEAPONS
ARE
USELESS!

THE SUPERMAN
IS INVINCIBLE!

THAT'S THE
GENERAL
IDEA,
COMRADE!

AND BY THE
WAY, YOU CAN
DROP THE
"THE"--



YAAAAAHHHH!

--AND CALL
ME JUST PLAIN
SUPERMAN!

SKRR-RASSSHH



UTTERLY
INCREDIBLE!
HE TORE
THROUGH
THE CENTER
OF MY JET--

--RIPPED IT
APART FROM
INSIDE!

FLIGHT COMMANDER
YSKOFF HAS EJECTED,
COMRADE BASE
COMMANDER!

ONLY I AND COMRADE
DURSKI REMAIN TO BATTLE
THE IMPERIALIST SUPER-
PERSON-- AND BATTLE
HIM WE SHALL--



BWWOOM

--FOR THE GLORY
OF BOROTAVIA,
AND THE HONOR OF--

EEEEYYAAHH!

THOSE BOROTAVIANS
ARE AS STUBBORN AS
THEY ARE THICK-HEADED!

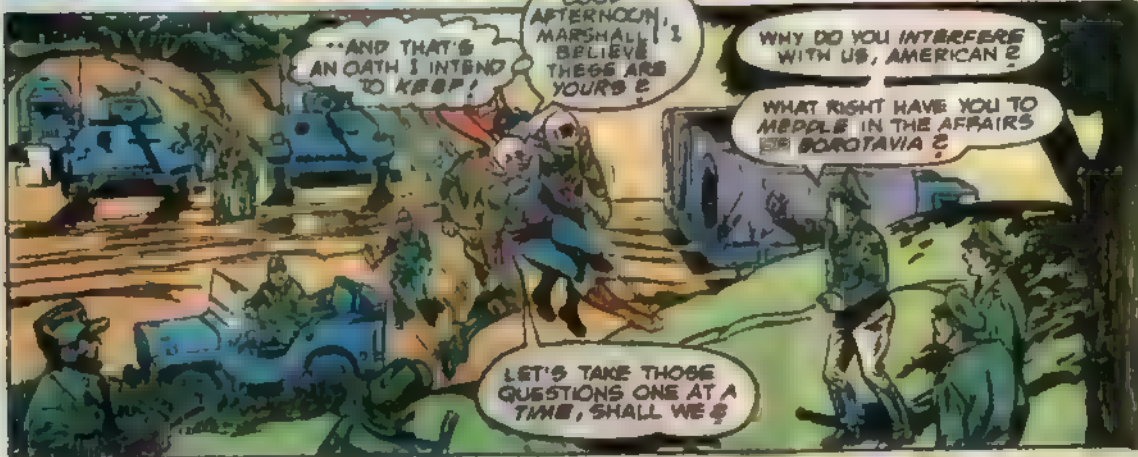
THEY SAW
HOW I
AVOIDED
THEIR FIRE
AT SUPER-
SPEED--YET,
EVEN SO, THEY
EXPECTED
ME TO REMAIN
MOTIONLESS
WHILE THEY
ATTACKED!

IF THEY WEREN'T SO
BLOOD-THIRSTY, THEY'D
BE RIDICULOUS!

THAT'S THE TRULY
PATHETIC THING ABOUT
WAR...THE UTTER
STUPIDITY!

IF I LIVED BY
THE SAME CODE
THESE MEN
DO, THEY'D BE
DEAD NOW!

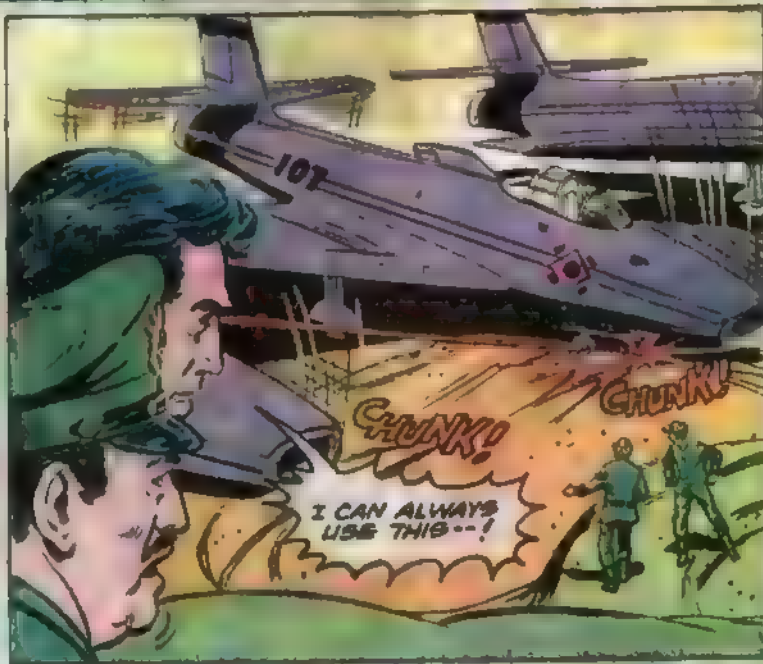
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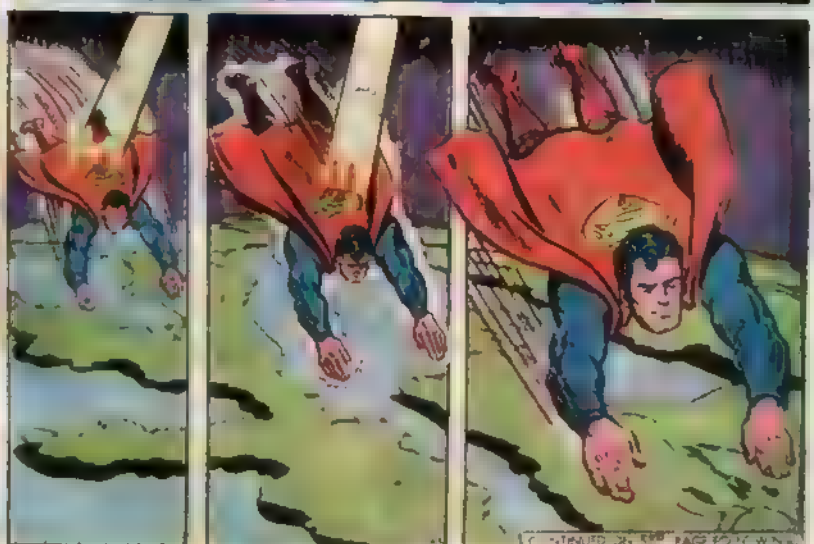
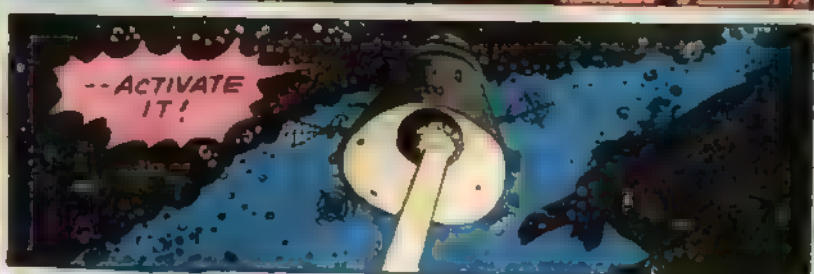
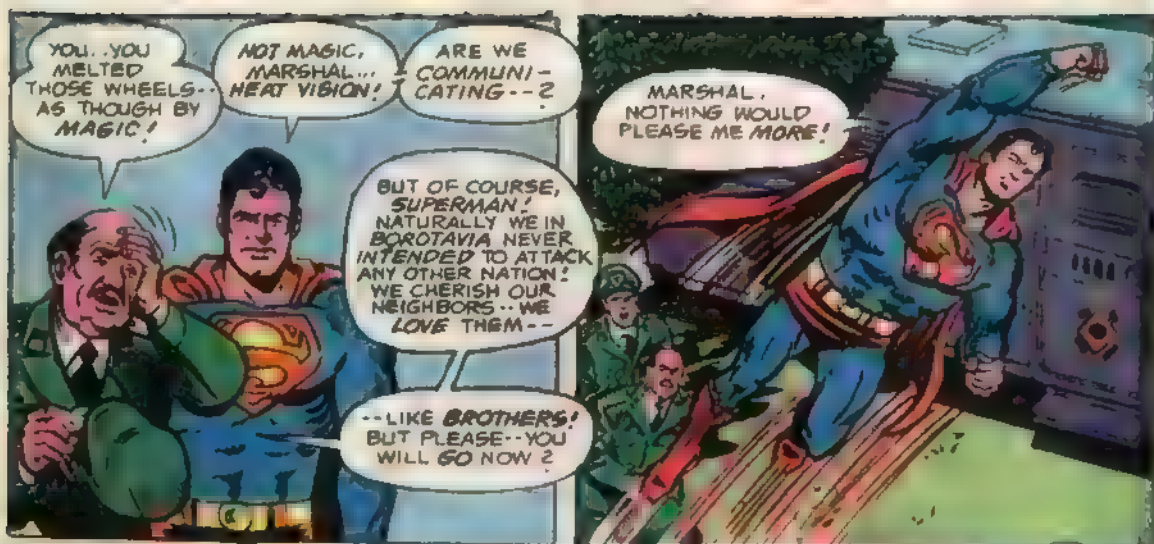


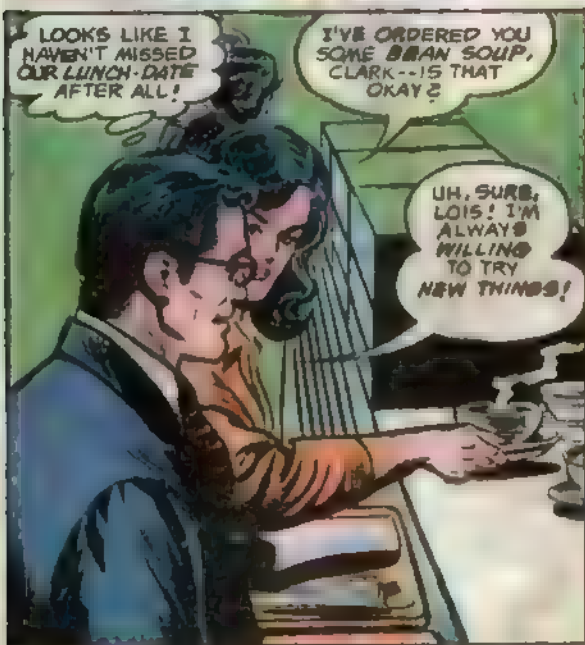
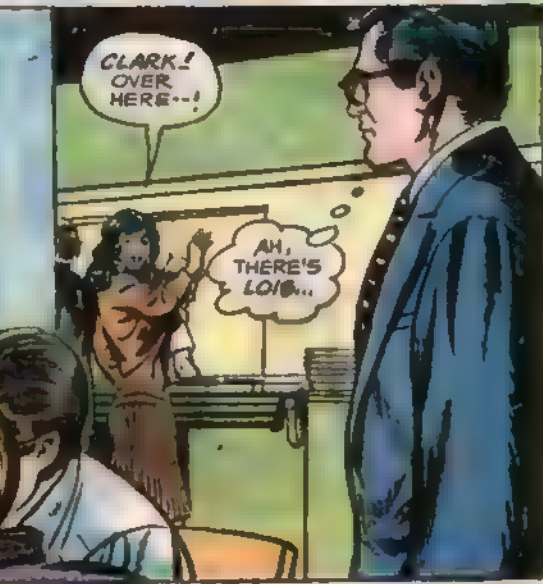
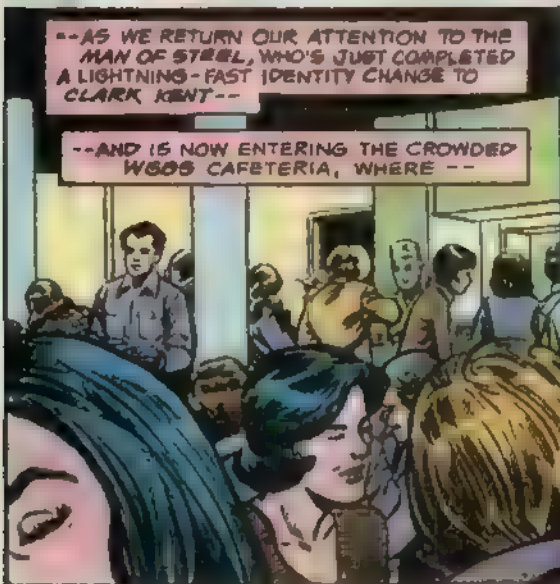
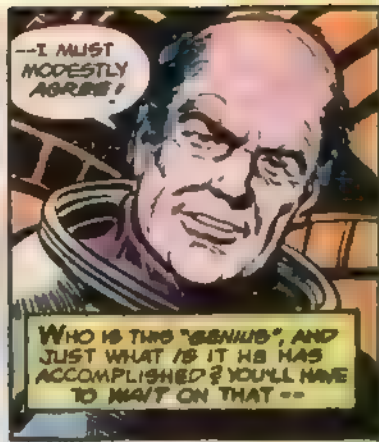
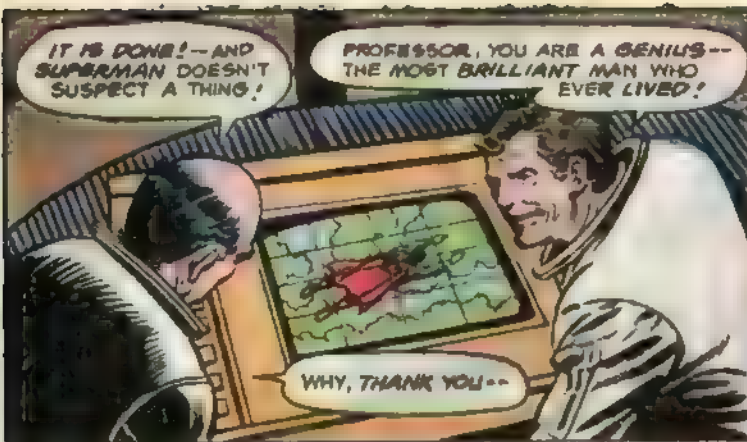
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INTERFERING IN
BOROTAVIAN
AFFAIRS--I'M
SIMPLY
TELLING
YOU NOT
TO INTERFERE
WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES.

SECOND,
I HAVE ALL
THE RIGHT
I NEED! I'M
HERE AS AN
EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED
NATIONS--

--AND IF DIPLOMATIC
STATUS ISN'T ENOUGH
TO GAIN YOUR RESPECT--







THE DAY PASSES--AND WHEN ALL THE
MINOR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF
PREPARING A NEWS PROGRAM ARE DONE,
CLARK FINDS HIMSELF IN THE TV NEWSROOM
OF WGBS, AS...

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HAD--PUTTING IN A TV
TICKETAPE, RIGHT HERE
ON MY PODIUM!

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I CAN GET
THE NEWS
WHILE THE
SHOWS ON
THE AIR
AND--

--GREAT
SCOTT!

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GET AWAY--
BUT I CAN'T!
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IS ABOUT TO
BEGIN--

--AND THERE'S
NO WAY I CAN
STOP IT!

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THERE?

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SECOND IMPACT OF
A SUPER-NOVA!

THE BRILLIANT BURST
OF LIGHT WILL HAVE
A HYPNOTIC EFFECT--

--SLAMMING
EVERYONE HERE
INTO A TRANCE!

NOW, IN THE
SPLIT-SECOND
BEFORE THE
BROADCASTING
BEAM BRINGS
THE SHOW INTO
THOUSANDS OF
HOMES--

DIRECTOR'S
BOOTH

--I'LL SWITCH THE
TRANSMITTER FROM
LIVE TO PRE-RECORDED...
OF AN HOUR AGO--

AUTHORITIES ARE PUZZLED
OVER THE APPEARANCE OF
A NEW SUPER-HERO
KNOWN AS BLACK
LIGHTNING, BATTLING
THE LYNCH MOON
THE 100 IN THE SLUM
DISTRICT OF
METROPOLIS*...

*FOR FURTHER
DETAILS, WATCH FOR
BLACK LIGHTNING
#1, COMING SOON
FROM DC!

TIME: 4:59 P.M.--

THE MAN OF STEEL SPEEDS WESTWARD
ACROSS THE GREAT PACIFIC, WHERE...

THERE IT IS...EVEN
MORE MONSTROUS
THAN I EXPECTED!

IT MUST BE BIGGER
THAN A SKYSCRAPER...
BILLIONS OF TONS OF
WATER...MORE FORCE
THAN A DOZEN
A-BOMBS!

ANYTHING THAT GETS
IN ITS PATH--IS GOING
TO BE TORN APART--

INCLUDING
THE AMERICAN
WEST COAST!

THERE ARE TWO WAYS
I CAN TRY TO HANDLE
THIS--EH?

GREAT
KRYPTON!
OVER
THERE--

--THIS OCEAN LINER
WAS ALMOST CAPSIZED
LIKE A ROWBOAT ON
A STORMY LAKE!

BEFORE I DO
ANYTHING, I'LL HAVE
TO CLEAR THIS
ENTIRE AREA
OF SHIPS--

--OTHERWISE,
PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO BE
KILLED!

THEN, SHORTLY THEREAFTER...

NOW TO CONCENTRATE
ON HALTING THIS COLOSSAL
WAVE--IF I CAN!

ONE WAY TO DO IT: SET A COUNTER-
SHOCKWAVE IN THE OCEAN FLOOR
SIMILAR TO THE SHOCKWAVE
WHICH MUST HAVE CREATED
THE TSUNAMI!

AND THE SIMPLEST
WAY TO START A
SHOCKWAVE--

THOO

--IS TO MEET
THE ISSUES
HEAD-ON!

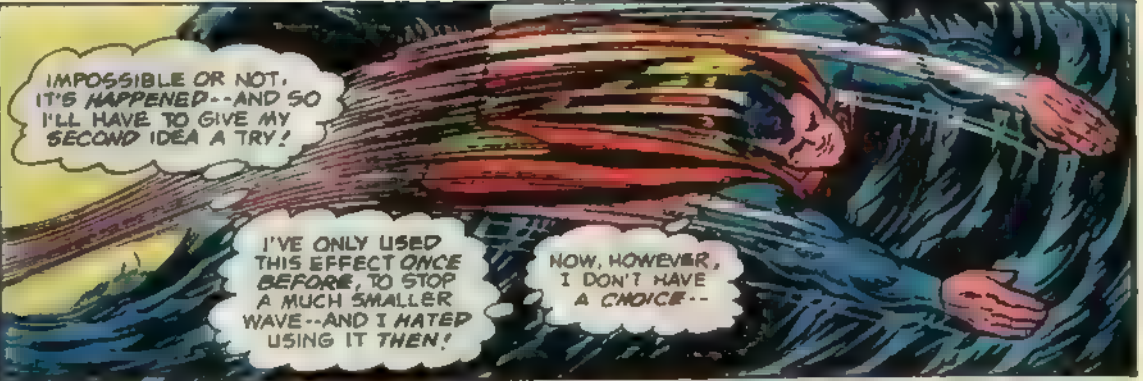
OOO

THERE! THAT
SUPER-SHOCK
SHOULD DO IT!

THE
COUNTERWAVES
ARE RIPPLING OUT...
ABOUT TO HIT THE
TIDAL WAVE AND--

--NOTHING???

THE TSUNAMI
DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH!
BUT-- THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!



IMPOSSIBLE OR NOT,
IT'S HAPPENED--AND SO
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MY
SECOND IDEA A TRY!

I'VE ONLY USED
THIS EFFECT ONCE
BEFORE, TO STOP
A MUCH SMALLER
WAVE--AND I HATED
USING IT THEN!

NOW, HOWEVER,
I DON'T HAVE
A CHOICE--

--I'M GOING
TO CREATE A
SONIC BOOM!

ORDINARILY, BY USING
A FORM OF INTERVAL
VIBRATION, I KEEP
MYSELF FROM "BOOMING"
WHEN I PASS THE
SOUND BARRIER--

--WHICH IS WHY WINDOWS
AREN'T SHATTERED EVERY
TIME I BATTLE!

CHABOON

OUT HERE, HOWEVER,
THERE ARE NO WINDOWS
AND THE DANGER IS
TOO GREAT FOR--

WHA--?
AGAIN NO
EFFECT?

NO NORMAL TIDAL WAVE
COULD RESIST A
BOOM LIKE THAT--

--WHICH MEANS--
THIS ISN'T A
NORMAL
TIDAL WAVE!

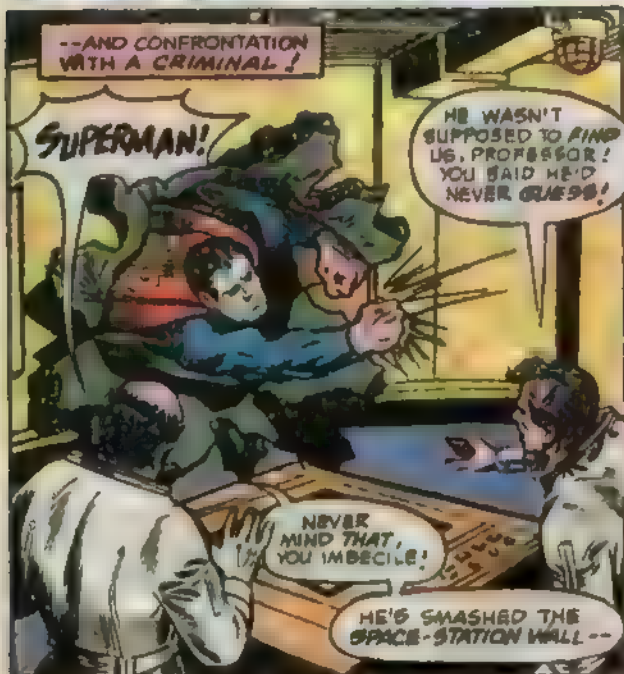
SUDDENLY AS THAT, AS THOUGH
THE PROVERBIAL MENTAL LIGHT
WAS CLICKED ON, SUPERMAN REALIZES
WHAT'S HAPPENING!



IMMEDIATELY,
HE ABANDONS
THE TIDAL WALL,
DRIVING UPWARD,
THROUGH THE
ATMOSPHERE...



...BEYOND THE
ATMOSPHERE,
TO THE FRINGE OF
OUTER SPACE...



--AND CONFRONTATION
WITH A CRIMINAL!

SUPERMAN!

HE WASN'T
SUPPOSED TO FIND
US, PROFESSOR!
YOU SAID HE'D
NEVER GUESS!

NEVER
MIND THAT,
YOU IMBECILE!

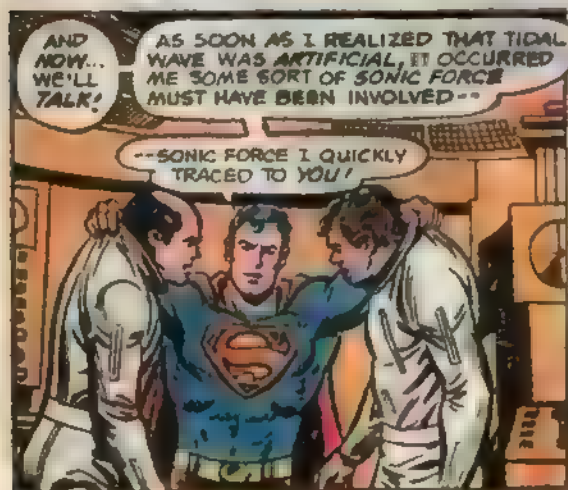
HE'S SMASHED THE
SPACE-STATION WALL --



--WE'RE
LOSING
ALL OUR
AAAAA

NO, FRIEND-- YOU WON'T
GET OUT OF THIS THAT
EASILY!

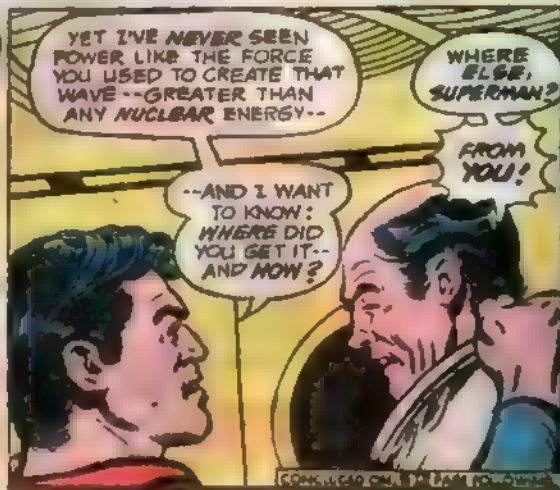
I CAN REPAIR THIS BROKEN
BULKHEAD WITH SUPER-
STRENGTH AND HEAT
VISION...



AND
NOW...
WE'LL
TALK!

AS SOON AS I REALIZED THAT TIDAL
WAVE WAS ARTIFICIAL, IT OCCURRED
ME SOME SORT OF SONIC FORCE
MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED--

--SONIC FORCE I QUICKLY
TRACED TO YOU!



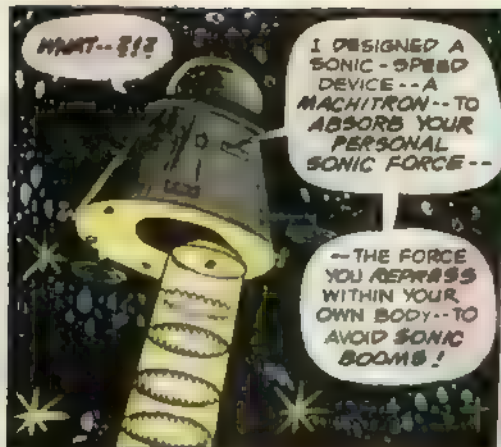
YET I'VE NEVER SEEN
POWER LIKE THE FORCE
YOU USED TO CREATE THAT
WAVE -- GREATER THAN
ANY NUCLEAR ENERGY--

WHERE
ELSE,
SUPERMAN?

FROM
YOU!

--AND I WANT
TO KNOW:
WHERE DID YOU
GET IT--
AND NOW?

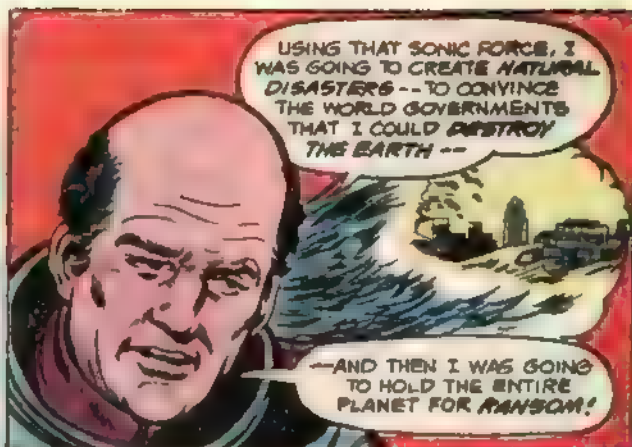
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WHAT--???

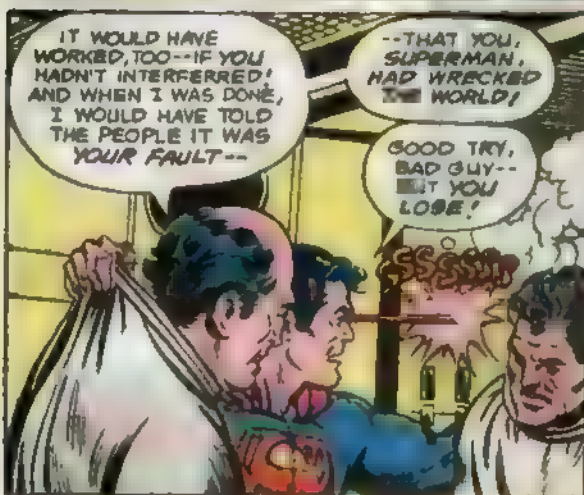
I DESIGNED A SONIC-SPEED DEVICE--A MACHITRON--TO ABSORB YOUR PERSONAL SONIC FORCE--

--THE FORCE YOU REPRESS WITHIN YOUR OWN BODY--TO AVOID SONIC BOOMS!



USING THAT SONIC FORCE, I WAS GOING TO CREATE NATURAL DISASTERS--TO CONVINCE THE WORLD GOVERNMENTS THAT I COULD DESTROY THE EARTH--

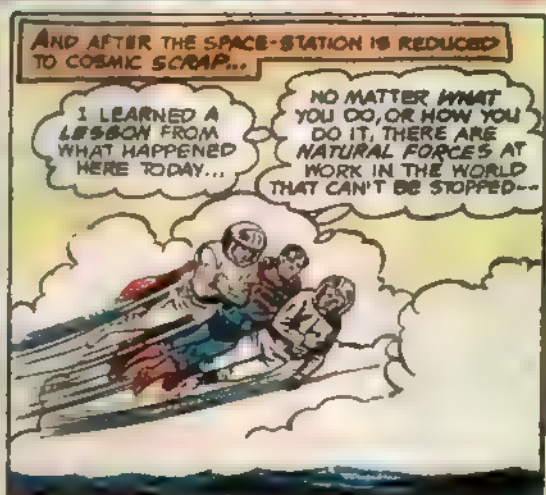
--AND THEN I WAS GOING TO HOLD THE ENTIRE PLANET FOR RANSOM!



IT WOULD HAVE WORKED, TOO--IF YOU HADN'T INTERFERRED! AND WHEN I WAS DONE, I WOULD HAVE TOLD THE PEOPLE IT WAS YOUR FAULT--

--THAT YOU, SUPERMAN, HAD WRECKED THE WORLD!

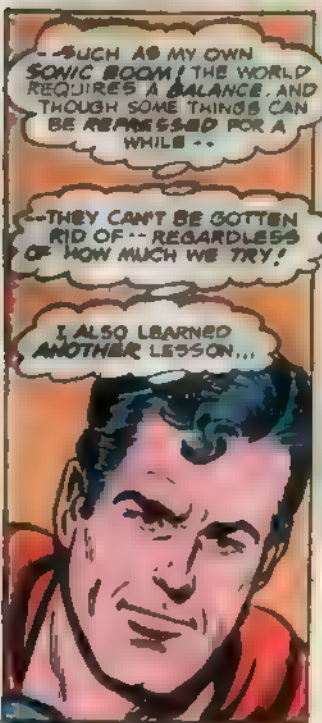
GOOD TRY, BAD GUY-- BUT YOU LOSE!



AND AFTER THE SPACE-STATION IS REDUCED TO COSMIC SCRAP...

I LEARNED A LESSON FROM WHAT HAPPENED HERE TODAY...

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, OR HOW YOU DO IT, THERE ARE NATURAL FORCES AT WORK IN THE WORLD THAT CAN'T BE STOPPED--



--SUCH AS MY OWN SONIC BOOM! THE WORLD REQUIRES A BALANCE, AND THOUGH SOME THINGS CAN BE REPPRESSED FOR A WHILE--

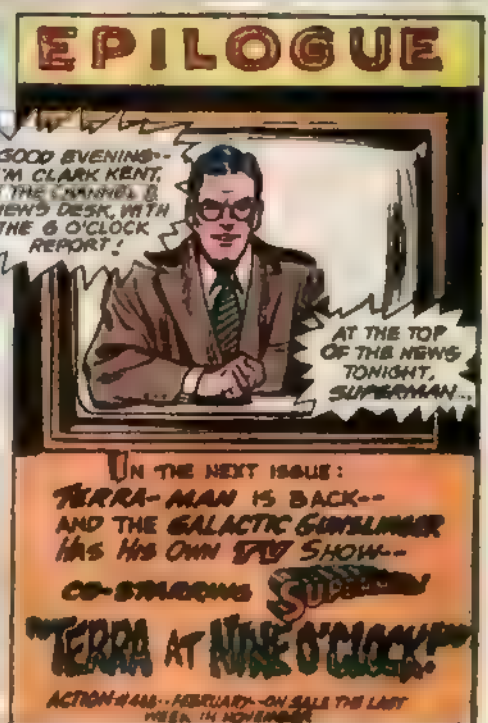
--THEY CAN'T BE GOTTEN RID OF--REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH WE TRY!

I ALSO LEARNED ANOTHER LESSON...



...A MAN'S WORST ENEMY...

...CAN SOMETIMES BE... HIMSELF!



EPILOGUE

GOOD EVENING-- I'M CLARK KENT, AT THE CHANNEL 8 NEWS DESK, WITH THE 6 O'CLOCK REPORT!

AT THE TOP OF THE NEWS TONIGHT, SUPERMAN...

IN THE NEXT ISSUE:
TERRA-MAN IS BACK--
AND THE GALACTIC GUNSLINGER
HAS HIS OWN TV SHOW--

CO-STARRING SUPERMAN

"TERRA AT NINE O'CLOCK!"

ACTION #448--FEBRUARY--ON SALE THE LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER



KAMANDI RELIVES "TRIAL BY FEAR"

NIGHTMARE REVEALS
MISSING PIECE OF LAST BOYS
ORIGIN

(New York, Earth After Disaster)—It was an exciting time for the last boy on Earth—but it was also a most deadly time—that first day when he stepped out of the bunker that had been his home and into the strange world of New York After Disaster.

And now the strange tale of Kamandi's "Trial By Fear" is revealed to his readers as the last boy on Earth relives it in a nightmare induced by Pyras attempts to cure his bloodlust fever.

This is a Kamandi who had never seen the outside world who lived in seclusion with his grandfather, who stepped outside for the first time—not knowing what to expect. But you'll find out just as he did in this Elliot Maggin/Dick Ayers/Ernie Chua Alfredo Alcala thriller in **KAMANDI** #49, on sale the week of November 1st.



DIRECT CURRENTS

ON SALE THE WEEK
OF NOVEMBER 1st

HOUSE OF SECRETS #144—Abel and the House present a trio of shockers "The Man With Death on His Shoulders" by Cary Bates, Mike Vosburg and Vince Colletta, "The Vampire of Broadway" by Bob Kanigher and Abe Ocampo and "Bide Your Time" by Steve Skeates, Ernie Chua and Colletta.

ISIS #3—TV's mightiest heroine faces 'The Wrath of Set' by Steve Skeates, Mike Vosburg and Vince Colletta and then gets stuck in a 'Political Rally Panic' thanks to Skeates, Jack Harris, Jose Delbo and Colletta.

OUR ARMY AT WAR #301—Once again, Sgt. Rock and the men of Easy Company face death at the hands of the Nazis. Who will live—who will die? Joe Kubert, Bob Kanigher and Frank Redondo have the answers!

AND ON SALE RIGHT NOW:
ACTION COMICS #467 / DC SUPER-STARS OF MAGIC #1 (starring Zatanna and Abra Kadabra)

DETECTIVE COMICS #467 (solo-starring Batman and Hawkman)

FREEDOM FIGHTERS #6 / G.I. COMBAT #198 / TARZAN #257

UNEXPECTED #177 / YOUNG LOVE

#123

DOUBLE SIZE MEANS DOUBLE-ACTION IN JLA

JLA Headquarters)—There's a new look to **JUSTICE LEAGUE** and it's all got to do with the new giant size! Beginning with **JLA #139** on sale the week of November 1st fans of the world's greatest super-heroes will find them in twice as much action—and all-new action at that!

To kick off this new look, Cary Bates, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin spotlight *Adam Strange* as a guest star and bring back one of the JLA's oldest foes in "Cosmic Conspiracy Against Adam Strange!"

Then, Steven Englehart makes his bow as regular scribe of their adventures in "The Ice Age Cometh" with art, as usual by Dillin and McLaughlin.

You won't want to miss a single issue of **JUSTICE LEAGUE** from now on because the best is still to come!



TRIVIA QUIZ #26

Over the years, DC's had three different stretchable characters. Can you name them and give their secret identities as well? Answers in next week's **PLANET**.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ:

Clark Kent works for WGBS TV. (2)

His Alien works for the Picture News.

3-B / Batson works for WHIZ TV. (4)

Jack Ryder works for WHAM-TV. (5)

And Dick Grayson is a reporter for the Hudson Herald.

LOLA BARNETT
INTERVIEWS
JOE ORLANDO



Lola: Joe Orlando is DC's Managing Editor. But he is also a man whose long career in comics has encompassed every facet of that industry. Joe as a man who's done it all: what type of work do you enjoy the most?

Joe: I'm a moody guy, Lola. Right now, I'm really enjoying editing comics, but it depends on what mood I'm in. Lately, I've been finding it easier to write than draw, probably because I'm not drawing very much. Writing I can do anywhere, even sitting at the kitchen table with my two kids running around and screaming. I hate to be shut up in my little studio to draw. After all these years, it's still a cell to me.

Lola: Thank you, Joe Orlando.

Joe: Err, could I have your autograph, Ms. Barnett? It's not for me, you understand... it's for my wife, Karin.

IT HAPPENS HUNDREDS OF TIMES A DAY IN METROPOLIS-- A MAN LEAVES ON BUSINESS, BUT NOT WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BYE TO HIS BEST FRIEND...



IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW-- BUT WITH ONE DIFFERENCE--

--WE'RE IN MID-AIR, A MILE ABOVE THE CITY...

--SO YOU MIND METROPOLIS TILL I GET BACK FROM MY JUSTICE LEAGUE MEETING! OKAY, KRYPTO?



YIP YIP!

MOMENTS LATER, MAN AND DOG PART--EACH WITH A JOB TO DO...



I'LL FOLLOW MY MASTER'S PATROL ROUTE! I DON'T CARE LET ANYTHING HAPPEN HERE WHILE I'M IN CHARGE--

YOU'VE NO DOUBT HEARD THE EXPRESSION "WIPE THE CITY OFF THE MAP!" WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING TO METROPOLIS--AND WITH SUPERMAN AWAY, IT BECOMES A JOB FOR...

KRYPTO

The SUPERDOG

GALLOPING GREYHOUNDS!

A GIANT HAND... ERASING THAT BUILDING!



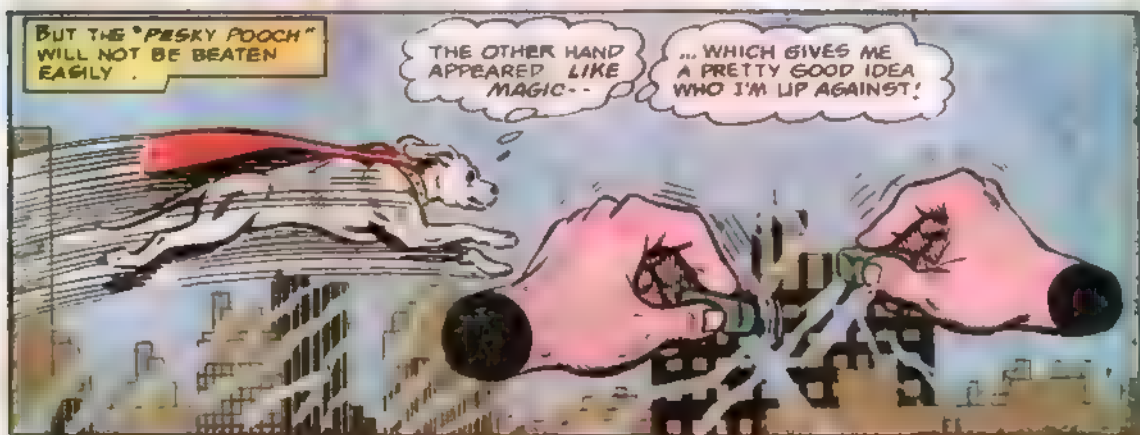
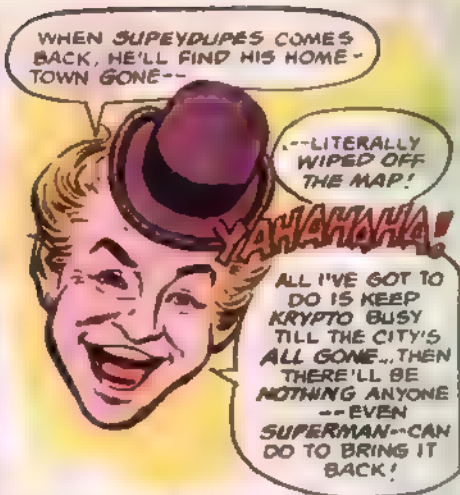
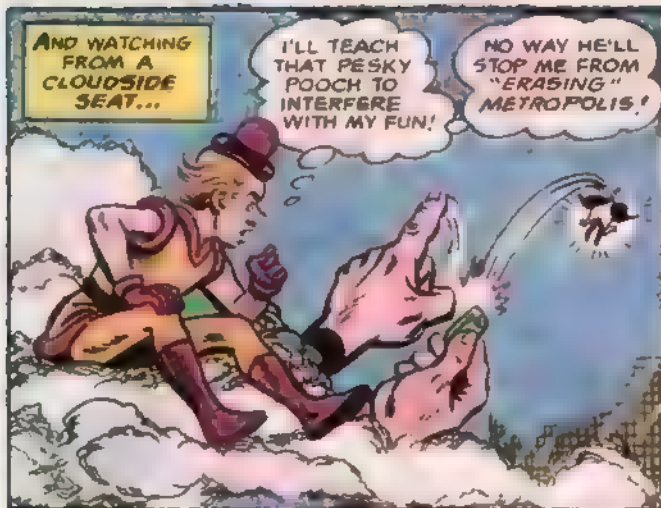
AND IF YOU REGARD THIS SITUATION AS PREPOSTEROUS, YOU'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY WHEN WE REVEAL THE VILLAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS RUB-OUT: THAT AMAZING IMP FROM THE FIFTH DIMENSION...

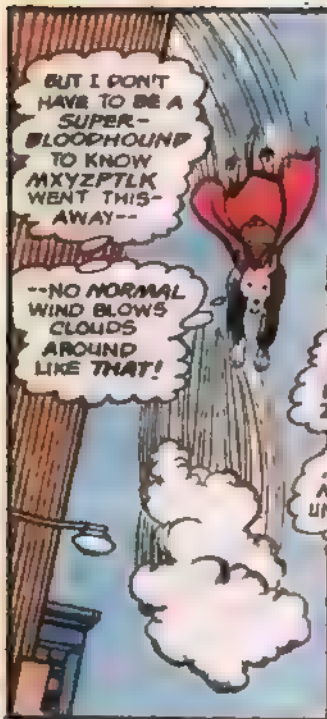
EMXYZPTLK

A SUPERMAN'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS SUPERDOG!

WRITER:
BOB ROZAKI
EDITOR:
JIM U.S.
SCHWARTZ

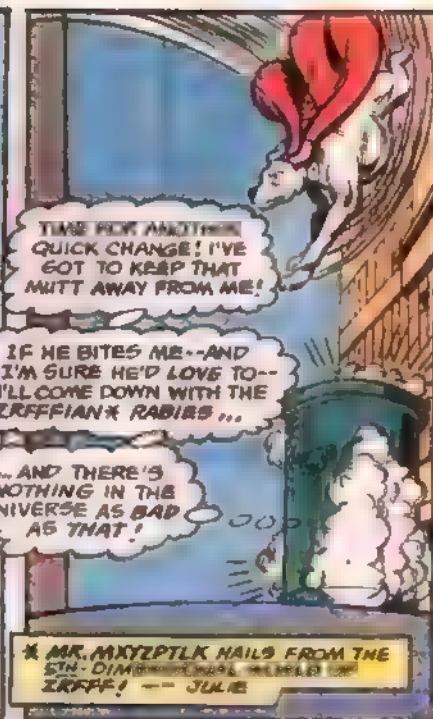
ARTIST:
CURT SWAN
and
TED BLADELL





BUT I DON'T
HAVE TO BE A
SUPER-
BLOODHOUND
TO KNOW
MXYZPTLK
WENT THIS-
AWAY--

--NO NORMAL
WIND BLOWS
CLOUDS
AROUND LIKE THAT!



TIME FOR ANOTHER
QUICK CHANGE! I'VE
GOT TO KEEP THAT
MUTT AWAY FROM ME!

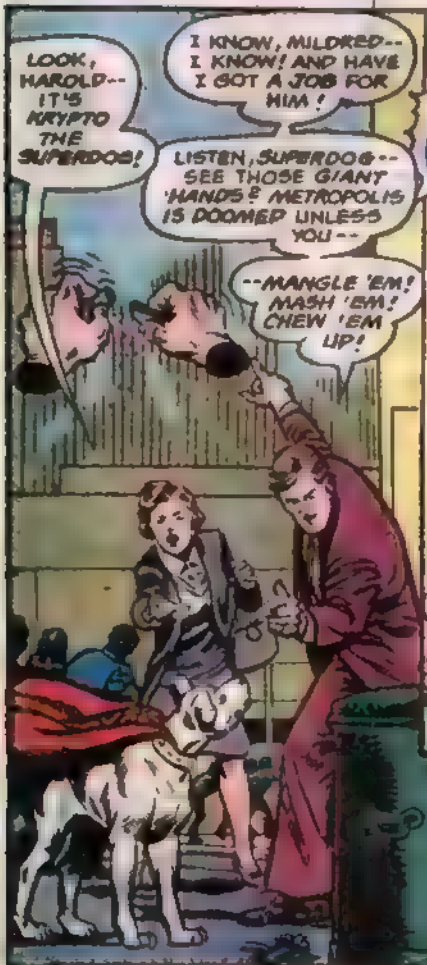
IF HE BITES ME--AND
I'M SURE HE'D LOVE TO--
I'LL COME DOWN WITH THE
ZRRFFIAN* RABIES...

...AND THERE'S
NOTHING IN THE
UNIVERSE AS BAD
AS THAT!

* MR. MXYZPTLK HAILS FROM THE
5TH-DIMENSIONAL, UNLINED
ZRRFF! -- JULIE



MY SUPER-
SNIFFER TELLS
ME HE'S
NEARBY--



LOOK,
HAROLD--
IT'S
KRYPTO
THE
SUPERDOG!

I KNOW, MILDRED--
I KNOW! AND HAVE
I GOT A JOB FOR
HIM!

LISTEN, SUPERDOG--
SEE THOSE GIANT
'HANDS' METROPOLIS
IS DOOMED UNLESS
YOU--

--MANGLE 'EM!
MASH 'EM!
CHEW 'EM
UP!



WHAT DO YOU
THINK I'M
DOING,
CLOWNIE--
BURYING
BONES?!

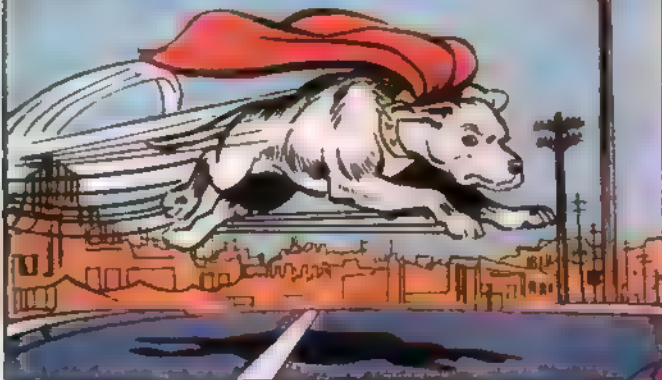


WHAT DID
HE SAY,
HAROLD?

HOW DO I
KNOW? I DON'T
SPEAK CANINE!

KUH--
WHERE'D
THAT
TRASHCAN
GO?

WHERE, KRYPTO? YOUR NOSE
KNOWS-- SO JUST FOLLOW
THE TRAIL...



...TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF WHAT'S
LEFT OF METROPOLIS AND THE HAPPY
HOUND DOG FOOD COMPANY...



...WHERE, INSIDE...

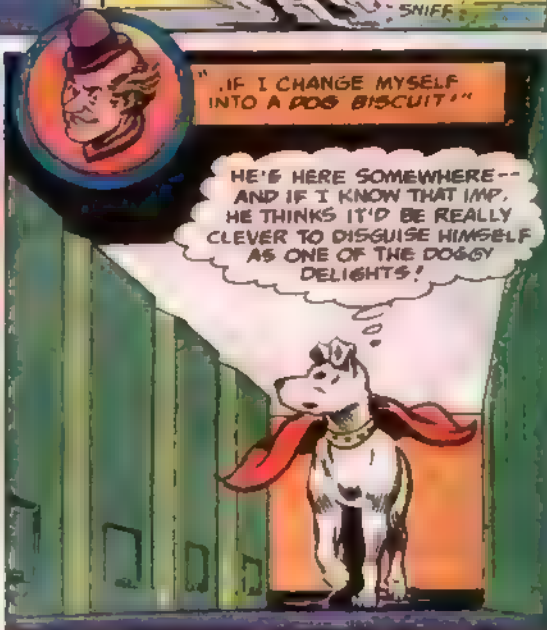
THIS PLACE WILL
BE THE LAST BUILDING
TO GO, SO I'LL HIDE
OUT IN HERE!

STURIDOG
WILL NEVER
FIND ME--

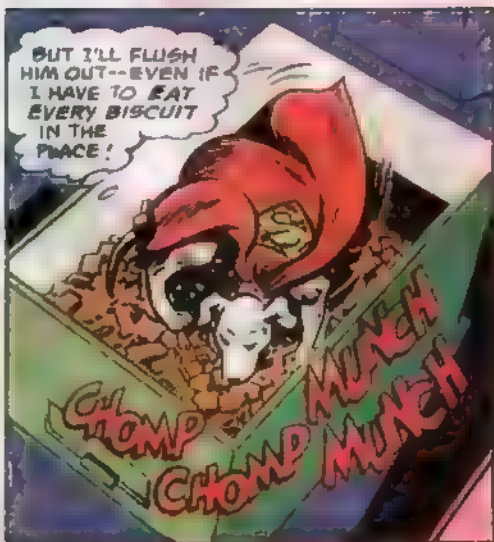


"IF I CHANGE MYSELF
INTO A DOG BISCUIT!"

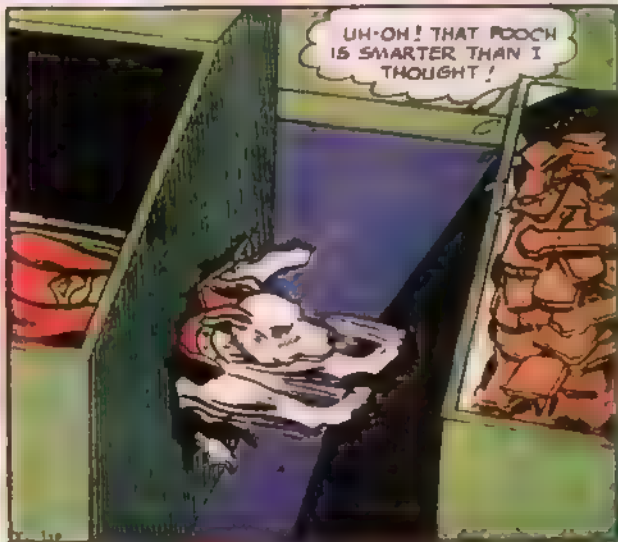
HE'S HERE SOMEWHERE--
AND IF I KNOW THAT IMP,
HE THINKS IT'D BE REALLY
CLEVER TO DISGUISE HIMSELF
AS ONE OF THE DOGGY
DELIGHTS!

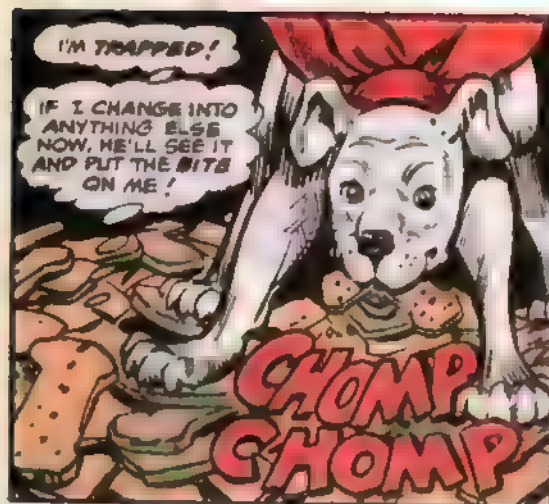


BUT I'LL FLUSH
HIM OUT--EVEN IF
I HAVE TO EAT
EVERY BISCUIT
IN THE
PLACE!



UH-OH! THAT POOCH
IS SMARTER THAN I
THOUGHT!

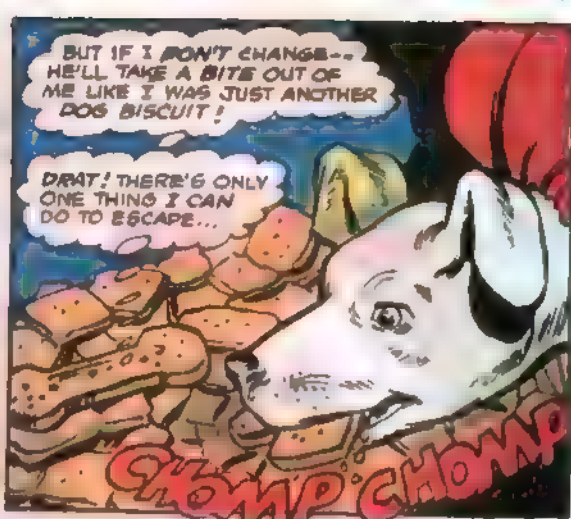




I'M TRAPPED!

IF I CHANGE INTO
ANYTHING ELSE
NOW, HE'LL SEE IT
AND PUT THE BITS
ON ME!

**CHOMP
CHOMP**



BUT IF I DON'T CHANGE--
HE'LL TAKE A BITE OUT OF
ME LIKE I WAS JUST ANOTHER
DOG BISCUIT!

DRAT! THERE'S ONLY
ONE THING I CAN
DO TO ESCAPE...

CHOMP CHOMP



...CHANGE
BACK TO MY
NORMAL SHAPE--



--AND SAY MY
NAME BACKWARDS,
EVEN THOUGH IT'LL
EXILE ME IN MY OWN
DIMENSION FOR
90 DAYS!

KLYFZYXM!

SORRY, POOCHIE--
YOU'RE NOT SINKING
YOUR TEETH INTO
ME!

NOT EVEN FOOL-
ING SUPERMAN
IS WORTH A
CASE OF ZREFFIAN
RABIES!

WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. MXYZPTLK, THE
GIANT HANDS VANISH AND METROPOLIS RETURNS TO
NORMAL--SECONDS BEFORE THE LAST SWEEP OF THE
ERASERS WOULD HAVE CONSIGNED IT TO LIMBO
FOREVER!



AND WHEN
THE MAN OF
STEEL ARRIVES
HOME...

HAD AN EASY TIME,
SH, KRYPTO? I'LL BET
YOU SPENT THE WHOLE
TIME MUNCHING DOG
BISCUITS!



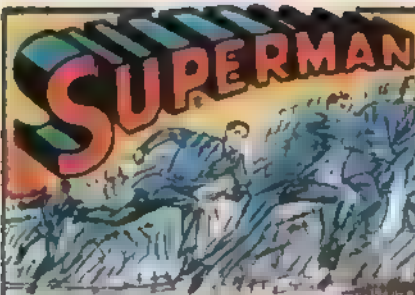
THE CITY LOOKS
CLEANER--LIKE
SOMEBODY
ERASED ALL
THE DIRT!

HMM...YOU COULDN'T
HAVE HAD ANYTHING
TO DO WITH THAT--
RIGHT, KRYPTO?

WE
SUPER-HEROES
NEVER
BOAST--

--RIGHT,
SUPERMAN?

THE
END



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Dear Editor:

There is no nicer Bicentennial salute to my knowledge than Action #263. This very well may be the first project of the anniversary of our nation I enjoyed without feeling the not unusual feeling of (a) being lectured to, (b) being bored to tears, since Colonial America has never been one of my pet eras of history, or (c) the sense of duty.

Bates is a storyteller of the first degree! The usually overdone background of the Revolutionary War was used just enough to give the story a touch of atmosphere without being stifling, the familiar Colonial figures such as B. Franklin and John Hancock enticing rather than just endured, and the plot to steal the Declaration by those dirty, dirty Tories, and Superman's intervention—perfectly delightful!

But all delightful stories must come to an end sooner or later, and Superman must confront his problem in his own time era. Kurb-Brak is a good non-villain, non-hero; that is, he can't be a hero because he is fighting ours, and he can't be a villain because he is fighting only to survive in the only place he can. The ending was satisfactory—Kurb-Brak wasn't knocked off, as I had originally feared, but simply is dormant for a while. Let's see him again some time! He would make a good dilemma situation not unlike "The Lady or the Tiger." Superman or Kurb-Brak? Unfortunately, we already know the ending of that one—the magazine is Superman's Action Comics, y'know.

Mr. Bates, I've liked you ever since you made a cutesy super-villain in JLA! But you've finally convinced me you can write as well as be pretty.

Verry good!

Elizabeth Smith, Tacoma, Wash.

(Cary Bates—pretty? We've heard him called a lot of things, but this one is new! Well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder—but have you had your eyes examined lately?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

"Die Now, Live Later" could have been a good story if errors in history were not made. On page 2, it is stated that Clark Kent is working for "Benjamin Franklin—Editor of The Pennsylvania Gazette" in 1776. Franklin edited that paper from 1729 to 1766! On page 11, the Tory spies are shown clearly firing at Superman with air-shooters! These were not invented until the next century!

The story also had a rather far-fetched ending. Getting rid of the menace in Kurb-Brak (a nice palindrome)

by killing him and bringing him back to life was—excuse the term, dumb—Superman breaks his code against killing and, although he brings Kurb back to life, it is still killing.

The rest of the series was good; it was just this one chapter that was bad. I hope you bring back Kurb-Brak, but without the errors.

Tony Boersma, Concord, Ma.

(It took some digging, but we found the 1766 date for the Gazette. That's when Ben sold out to his partner—but at least the paper was still being published in 1776! And, of course, Samuel Colt didn't invent the revolver till over half a century later. The only multi-shot handguns in the 18th century were those with several barrels, like the "pepper-box." As for Superman "killing"—that's all right—just as long as it doesn't prove fatal—E.N.B.)

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Dear Julie & Co.:

Truth to tell, I hadn't read an issue of Action since #454. I hadn't found it entertaining. And I probably wouldn't have purchased #463 either, except that I passed through it and found some better-than-average Curt Swan art.

"Die Now, Live Later" achieved the most important aspect I look for in a story—entertainment. And Cary Bates wrote it! I've never been a big Bates fan, but this story certainly increased my respect for him.

I'd like to mention some of the things I particularly liked about this tale. First there's Kurb-Brak, a fine addition to Superman's rogues' gallery. His motive for wanting to dispose of the Man of Steel was, to my knowledge, quite original. The way he nearly polished off Supes, only to die a moment too soon. And, best of all, Superman's solution to Brak's problem. I'm sure we'll be seeing Andrew Meda again some day, and I'm looking forward to it!

Last, no critique of a Superman tale would be complete without words about the art. Mr. Swan did some particularly nice work in this issue, mainly the fine backgrounds, which I've found lacking in Superman of late.

I started this letter by saying I wasn't buying Action for quite a while. Rest assured that situation has changed, thanks to #463.

Ken Erdley, Lakewood, Oh.

(The prodigal returns! Let's give three cheers! We'd kill the fatted calf—but we've got this code against killing. You wouldn't want us to abuse our super-editing powers, would you?—E. Nelson Bridwell)

AT LAST! THE RETURN OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMIC—GREEN LANTERN!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING--
with presents, Santa Claus and

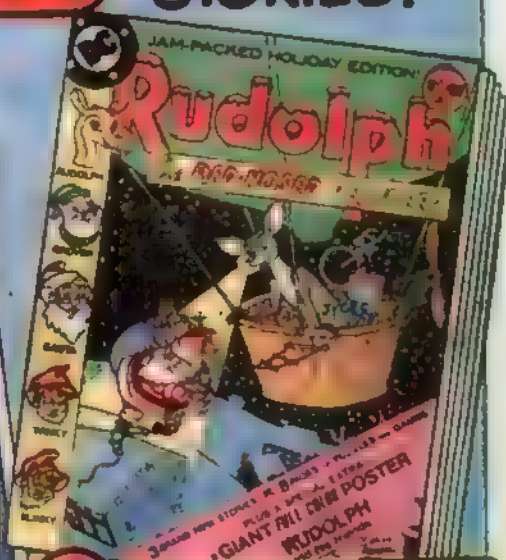
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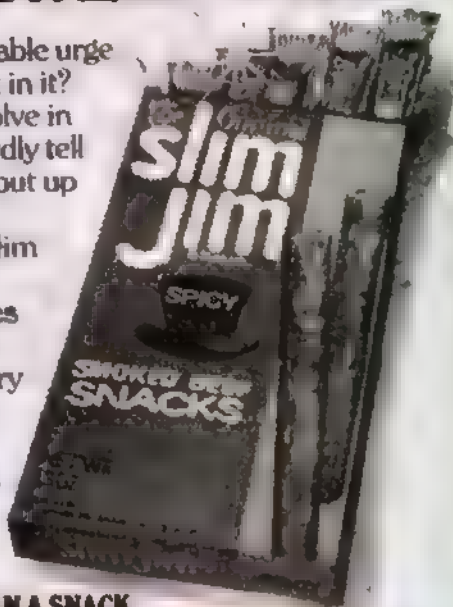
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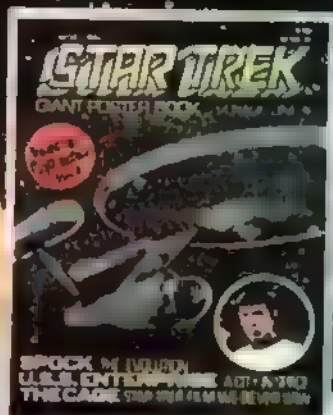
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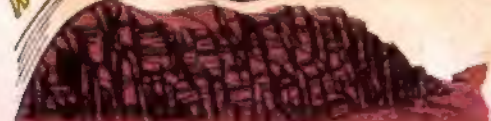
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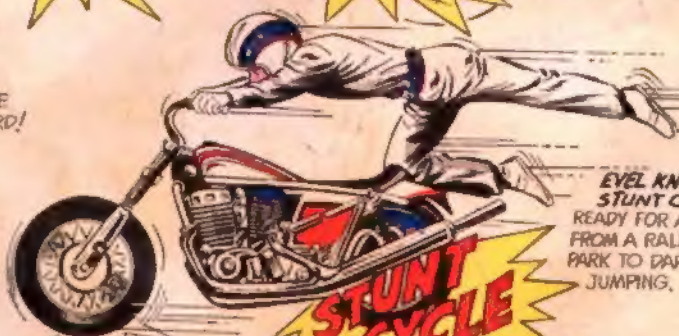
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